

## This Week in Washington

### **Pombo announces Appointees attending U.S. Service Academies this fall**

#### **Rep. Richard Pombo sponsors more candidates from the 11th District than ever before**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Rep. Richard Pombo announced high school seniors in California's Eleventh District accepting his nominations for the Military Service Academies Classes of 2008.

"I'm so pleased to have recommended this great group of individuals," said Rep. Pombo. "The admissions process is rigorous, and acceptance is not to be taken lightly. I really hope to keep in contact with this talented group. They are the leaders of the future."

The selection process began in early of April 2003 when potential candidates contacted Rep. Pombo for sponsorship. Candidates submitted applications and participated in an interview panel comprised of military and citizens from the 11th Congressional District.

#### **Appointees attending U.S. Service Academies this fall include:**

##### **U.S. Military Academy (West Point) <http://www.usma.edu/>**

Katelin Grant from Lodi—Lodi High School

Marcus Lai from Danville—Monte Vista High School

Nicholas Lee from Stockton—Lincoln High School

Jared Moon from Brentwood—Freedom High School

Dallin Rosdahl from Danville—San Ramon Valley High

Brandon Wong from Danville—Monte Vista High School

Eric Wong from San Ramon—California High School

Each year the USMA approximately 5,000 nominations are received and 1,200 cadets are accepted. *(cont. on page 2)*

### **Norton, Pombo and Podesto cheer Volunteerism at Stockton Elementary School**

Washington, D.C. - Interior Secretary Gale Norton, House Resources Committee Chairman Richard Pombo (R-Tracy), and City of Stockton Mayor Gary Podesto joined students from the Cleveland School Friday and refurbished the school with materials donated by Stockton-area businesses.

"People are genuinely looking to roll up their sleeves and make a difference in their own communities," said Pombo. "I introduced a bill in Congress this week that allows the Secretary to give people the opportunity to help beautify public places that are so often the hallmarks of our neighborhoods. The Cleveland School is a great place to start."

Interior, through several of its bureaus, benefits from the contributions of more than 200,000 volunteers each year. The Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act of 2004 (H.R. 4170) gives the Secretary Department-wide authority to accept volunteer services. *(cont. on page 2)*

### **Highlights of This Week's Accomplishments in The House Of Representatives:**

#### **H.R. 1779 - Guardsmen and Reservists Financial Relief Act of 2003**

Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans during the period that a military reservist or *(cont. on right)*

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**Please Join  
Congressman Pombo  
and  
The United States  
Secretary of the Navy  
Gordon England  
to honor the 11<sup>th</sup>  
Congressional District  
Academy Appointees**

**When: Monday, May  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Where: Port of Stockton  
Transit Shed 16 on  
Rough and Ready Island**

**(Please bring photo ID  
for entrance onto the  
Island)**

**Please RSVP to  
Congressman Pombo's  
Office no later than  
Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at  
209-951-3091 or  
925-866-7040**

#### **(Highlights cont.)**

national guardsman is called to active duty for an extended period, and for other purposes.

#### **H.R. 2844 - Continuity in Representation Act of 2004**

Requires States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives no later than 45 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances.

*For more info. on Rep. Richard Pombo and his work for California please visit: <http://www.pombo.house.gov>*

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### **(Pombo announces Appointees cont.)**

**U.S. Air Force Academy** <http://www.usafa.af.mil/>

Jennifer Carter from Pleasanton—Foothill High School

Jennifer Drew from Danville—Carondelet High School

Andrew Galbraith from Pleasanton—Foothill High School

David Garcia from San Ramon—Redwood Christian High School

Michael Garrison from Brentwood—Deer Valley High School

Megan Harkins from San Ramon—Carondelet High School

Gray Kaempf from San Ramon—California High School

Brian Schaf from Tracy—Tracy High School

Gregory Witzeg from Pleasanton—California High School

Each year the USAF receives 10,000 nominations and 1,300 are accepted.

**U.S. Naval Academy** <http://www.usna.edu/>

Lauren Wolfe from Pleasanton—Foothill High School

Monica Gutierrez - Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) from Pleasanton—Foothill High School

Each year approximately 1,500 applicants will receive appointments and approximately 1,200 become midshipmen.

### **(Norton, Pombo and Podesta cheer Volunteerism cont.)**

Norton is an advocate of the bill as it reflects the mission of "Take Pride in America," a national partnership that aims to seek, support and recognize volunteers who work to improve our public parks, forests, grasslands and wildlife refuges, cultural and historic sites, local playgrounds and other recreation areas.

"Volunteers across America help improve public lands in many ways - they repair schoolyards, maintain trails and guide visitors at historical sites," Norton said. "But volunteers could do even more if Congress provided Interior's bureaus with the right statutory tools. That's why I am delighted that Chairman Pombo has introduced H.R. 4170 to fill these statutory gaps."

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